

Then when are you for a balanced budget amendment? If not in the year 2002, are you for a budget balanced budget in 2003? 2004? 2005? Pick a number. Tell us when you think we should have a balanced budget, and then you tell us how you will get us there. But do not stand and say that you are for a balanced budget in the abstract, but it would be too painful and too hurtful to your State or to the individuals that you know who will suffer under this, to get there. You are either for a balanced budget and for the commitment to get there, or you are just talking. And we have been doing a lot of talking here in the Senate and the House for a lot of years about how we are going to get to a balanced budget.

Now, the Senator from West Virginia said that he took pride in the vote he cast 2 years ago, 1993, that put us on course. We are on course, he said. We are on course. I do not know if he has seen some of the deficit projections by the Congressional Budget Office. We are not on course to a balanced budget. We are not even close to being on course to a balanced budget. This budget is going to hang around where it is right now for the next couple of years, and then just goes way up again around the turn of the century, doubling from where it is today. We are not on course for a balanced budget.

We must do something just to keep the deficits where they are now. We will have to pull back Government, or, as some would propose, increase taxes, just to hold where we are as far as annual deficits. So we are not on course. We are way off course.

Now, I come from southwestern Pennsylvania, which is the border of West Virginia. I actually lived the first 7 years of my life in West Virginia. I am very familiar with West Virginia. And I am very familiar with the pain that a lot of the people in West Virginia and southwestern Pennsylvania and around the Pittsburgh area where I am from, suffered during the early 1980's. And I represented a congressional district before I came here where in the late 1970's there were over 110,000 steelworkers working in my district. When I was sworn into office in the early 1990's, there were less than 15,000 steelworkers remaining.

Now, I know what economic devastation is, but I can tell Senators, the people in that district, the people in West Virginia, are not concerned about the next Government program we will create to put them back to work or to train them. What they want are good, private sector jobs. And that is what responsible fiscal policy will get this country. Sound fiscal policy will stabilize this economy and create jobs into the future.

I look forward to the opportunity to respond further to the Senator from West Virginia and others on that side of the aisle. I see it is time to wrap things up, so I will yield the floor.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I want to compliment the distinguished Senator

from Pennsylvania. I cannot say what it means to me to see these new Senators on the floor coming down here and standing for the balanced budget amendment. All 11 of them do. It is an amazing transition, an amazing change. As somebody who has been fighting for this for the last 18, 19 years, I have to say, these folks, like the distinguished Senator from Pennsylvania, are making a difference. And they will make a difference, coupled with heroic Democrats who are willing to fight side by side with us because—whether liberal or conservative—they feel that it is now the time to make this change. We have to do it.

So I want to compliment the distinguished Senator from Pennsylvania. I have great respect for him. He deserves it. He is a great addition to this U.S. Senate. I hope he will keep fighting side by side us on this and other matters.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 101. An act to transfer a parcel of land to the Taos Pueblo Indians of New Mexico.

H.R. 400. An act to provide for the exchange of lands within Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, and for other purposes.

H.R. 440. An act to provide for the conveyance of lands to certain individuals in Butte County, California.

H.J. Res. 50. Joint resolution to designate the visitors center at the Channel Islands National Park, California, as the "Robert J. Lagomarsino Visitors Center."

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills and joint resolution were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 101. An act to transfer a parcel of land to the Taos Pueblo Indians of New Mexico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services:

Eleanor Hill, Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense.

The following-named officer to be placed in the grade indicated under the provisions of title 10, United States Code, section 1370:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Ira C. Owens, 000-00-0000, U.S. Army.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Paul E. Menoher, Jr., 000-00-0000, U.S. Army.

The following-named brigadier generals of the U.S. Marine Corps for promotion to the permanent grade of major general, under the provisions of section 624 of title 10, United States Code:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Leslie M. Palm, 000-00-0000.

Brig. Gen. Michael J. Williams, 000-00-0000.

Brig. Gen. Lawrence H. Livingston, 000-00-0000.

Brig. Gen. Martin R. Steele, 000-00-0000.

Brig. Gen. Frederick McCorkle, 000-00-0000.

Brig. Gen. Michael D. Ryan, 000-00-0000.

Brig. Gen. Patrick G. Howard, 000-00-0000.

Brig. Gen. Wayne E. Rollings, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer for reappointment to the grade of Vice Admiral while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be vice admiral

Vice Adm. William C. Bowes, 000-00-0000, U.S. Navy.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code 601(a):

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. John N. Abrams, 000-00-0000, U.S. Army.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601(a):

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Guy A.J. LaBoa, 000-00-0000, U.S. Army.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, from the Committee on Armed Services, I report favorably the attached listing of nominations.

Those identified with a single asterisk (*) are to be placed on the Executive Calendar. Those identified with a double asterisk (**) are to lie on the Secretary's desk for the information of any Senator since these names have already appeared in the RECORDS of January 6 and 10, 1995 and to save the expense of printing again.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The nominations ordered to lie on the Secretary's desk were printed in the RECORDS of January 6 and 10, 1995 at the end of the Senate proceedings.)